undertaken by the Public Works Department in 1107 for which no provision was made in the budget?

**Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.**—A list is appended. (*Vide Appendix V*).

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Appendix V. May I know why these works for which no provision was made in the budget were undertaken?

**Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.**—Many of them were very urgent works and some of them, though started in the previous year could not be completed in the previous year and so had to be carried out in the next year.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—The work which was unfinished was known to the department when the budget was framed.

**Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.**—No.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Were not works included in the budget lapsed in 1107?

**Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.**—Some works might have been lapsed.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Whether these works were undertaken at the sacrifice of the works provided for?

**Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.**—No.

## Works done without calling for tenders.

14. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the items of works done in 1107 for which no tenders were called for by the P. W. D?

**Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.**—The following works were entrusted without tenders.—

1. Extending tank shed, constructing drain, etc., in the Cranganur Chief's Palace.
2. Constructing a monument with ornamental enclosure in the Tullocks Gardens, Madras.
3. Works in Tullocks Gardens in connection with the visit of His Highness the Maharaja to Madras.
4. P. C. R. works to Hill Palace.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Were these works entrusted to contractors or done departmentally?

**Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.**—Entrusted to the contractors.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Why no tenders were called for?

**Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.**—I should like to know which particular work the Member refers.

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**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—All the works referred to here.

**Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.**—No. 1. The work was sanctioned only towards the end of Karkadagam and had to be completed in the year itself and so it was entrusted to the contractor who was doing a much bigger work in the palace itself. No. 2. It was a very important piece of work although costing a small amount. It was entrusted to a contractor who could be relied upon, Mr. Namberumal Chetty. No. 3 was very urgently sanctioned in view of the late Maharaja's visit to Madras and there was no time to call for tenders. Item No. 4. P. C. R. works of the previous year was entrusted to that contractor and so he had every facility to do the work satisfactorily.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Was item No. 2 very urgent?

**Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.**—I never said it is urgent. It could be done satisfactorily only if it is entrusted to a contractor who could do satisfactorily that work. It is an ornamental piece of work and not a mere ordinary work.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Does the Government think that he is the only contractor who could do that work?

**Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.**—In the first place the work was in Madras and even if we had invited tenders we could not know the relative merits of each and every contractor. Mr Namberumal Chetty is a contractor whose capacity everybody knows.

**Mr. K. G. Nayar.**—Is it difficult to get satisfactory contractors if tenders are invited?

**Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.**—No.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Is it very difficult to get good contractors in Madras?

**Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.**—No.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—May I know why no tenders were invited?

**Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.**—Even if we had invited tenders we could not know the relative merits of the tenderers. Here is a man who is a good contractor and has got experience in Madras.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Cannot the Government make enquiries about the other contractors?

**Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.**—Being a small work Government did not think it necessary.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Was it more profitable if tenders were called for?

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**Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.**—It is impossible to say now.

**Dr. A. G. Menon.**—What was the cost of this ornamental work?

**Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.**—Rs. 1,600.

## Works not given to the lowest tenderer.

**15. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the items of works, with the estimate amounts, which were not given to the lowest tenderers by the P. W. D. in 1107?

**Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.**—A list is appended (*Vide Appendix VI*).

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—May I know why these works were not given to the lowest tenderers?

**Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.**—In the first place the notifications for tenders were not binding upon the Government to give the work to the lowest tenderer. In accepting tenders many considerations arise besides the tendered rates. In the case of all these works the authority who is competent to dispose of the tenders have evidently thought that the lowest tenderer could not do the work satisfactorily as the particular tender which was accepted.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—May I know the special reason for item No. 8 i. e. for constructing a laboratory for Rs. 9,000. Why was it not given to the lowest tenderer?

**Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.**—Government thought that the lowest tenderer could not do the work satisfactorily as the one contractor to whom it was actually entrusted.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—On what grounds?

**Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.**—In the opinion of the Government the contractor who was actually selected could be relied upon to do the work satisfactorily. The Government is not also bound to accept the lowest tender always.

**Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.**—May I know the difference between the two amounts?

**Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.**—I want notice.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—I want an answer to my question. Does he say that he is not bound to give the reasons?

**Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.**—I never meant that I am not bound to give the reasons to this House. That was not what I meant. I am perfectly willing to give whatever reasons I have got. What I meant was that the Government was not binding to accept the lowest tenders always.

**Mr. K. G. Nayar.**—Has the Government recorded the reasons for rejecting these tenders?

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## APPENDIX V.

*(Vide Answer to Question No. 13.)*

Items of works above Rs. 1,000 undertaken by the P. W. D. in 1107, for which no provision was made in the budget.

| *Serial No.* | *Name of work.* | *Estimate amount.* Rs. | A. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Compensation paid for the removal of rubber tress for the road work in the 3rd section of Nelliampathies | 1,175 | 14 | 0 |
| 2 | Special renewals to Vaniampara road for 1932 | 2,000 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | Widening Chalakkudi road at 2/3, 4 and 7 | 1,400 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | Special renewals to Velur road for 1932 | 1,500 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | Repairing flood damager on the Kandassankadavu road | 2,000 | 0 | 0 |
| 6 | Constructing an anchal office at Mundur | 2,500 | 0 | 0 |
| 7 | Acquisition of site for Vala Settlement at Pachalam | 20,341 | 9 | 0 |
| 8 | Constructing huts for Valans at Pachalam | 44,300 | 0 | 0 |
| 9 | Do a new building for High School, Kandassankadavu | 7,100 | 0 | 0 |
| 10 | Do a motor garage in H H. Elaya Raja's Palace | 1,090 | 0 | 0 |
| 11 | Do compound wall and providing mattom and fencing for the Vadakkancheri Police lines | 1,240 | 0 | 0 |
| 12 | Do do for the Chirakkal Palace, Mattancheri | 1,650 | 0 | 0 |
| 13 | Do a road within the Hill Palace to the East tank | 1,100 | 0 | 0 |
| 14 | Improvements to the drainage and pipe systems in the Tullocks Gardens, Madras | 1,455 | 0 | 0 |
| 15 | Executing certain repairs to Trichur Guest House | 2,250 | 0 | 0 |
| 16 | Opening a channel from Vettikadavu eastwards | 3,000 | 0 | 0 |
| 17 | Closing breach No. 1 west of new bridges, Karuvannur | 2,040 | 0 | 0 |
| 18 | Do breaches in Panamkulam chira | 1,915 | 0 | 0 |
| 19 | Do east of do | 1,150 | 0 | 0 |
| 20 | Constructing a jetty and foot-path at Narakkal | 1,750 | 0 | 0 |
| 21 | Reconstructing Chowkapalam jetty, Mattancheri | 2,350 | 0 | 0 |
| 22 | Purchase of balance materials of the Dormitory buildings at Ramavarmapuram | 2,840 | 0 | 0 |
| 23 | Purchase of meters for service connections | 29,000 | 0 | 0 |
| 24 | Shifting the pipe line for Railway conversion | 10,000 | 0 | 0 |
| 25 | Water supply to Adur Leper Asylum | 2,000 | 0 | 0 |
| 26 | Clearing silt from the basin in front of the Comptroller's Office | 2,000 | 0 | 0 |
| 27 | Deepening and widening the Chirakkal thodu | 3,000 | 0 | 0 |

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